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## CHAPTER 99

(House Bill 1050)

AN ACT concerning

Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Corrective

FOR the purpose of correcting certain errors and omissions; and clarifying certain language in the laws relating to the jurisdiction of the District Court, the exercise of personal jurisdiction of certain persons, and the confidentiality of certain records.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 4-101(c), 4-401, 6-102(a), and 10-205(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 4-101(c), 4-401, 6-102(a), and 10-205(a) of Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

(c) "Criminal case" means a CRIMINAL case within the jurisdiction of the District court and includes a case charging a violation of motor vehicle or traffic laws and a case charging a violation of a law, rule, or regulation if a fine or imprisonment may be imposed.

4-401.

4-101.

Except as provided in § 4-402, and subject to the venue provisions of Title 6, the District court has exclusive original CIVIL jurisdiction in:

- (1) An action in contract or tort, if the debt or damages claimed do not exceed \$5,000;
- (2) An action of replevin, regardless of the value of the thing in controversy;